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MONTREAL FOR USREP ICAO

1. INQUIRY ABOUT PHILIPPINE WILLINGNESS MAINTAIN OPERATION OF LORAN STATIONS RELAYED TO MELCHOR THROUGH COLONEL REYES BY PHONE OCTOBER 4. MELCHOR LEFT THAT DAY WITHOUT RETURNING CALL BUT REPLY WAS CONVEYED BY NAVAL ATTACHE MADRID OCTOBER 7, THAT GOP FULLY PREPARED MAINTAIN OPERATION OF THE STATIONS THROUGH DECEMBER 1977 "ON PRESENT BASIS". MADRID SAID THIS WOULD INCLUDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, SPARE PARTS, AND ANY NECESSARY EQUIPMENT, ADDING THAT HE THOUGHT THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD WAS INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING AN ADDITIONAL PATROL BOAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF

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LORAN OPERATIONS.

2. WE HAVE ANTICIPATED THE GOP ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR LORAN STATIONS WOULD INVOLVE SOME MEASURE OF U.S. MATERIAL SUPPORT, BUT WE NEED TO DETERMINE AND AGREE ON JUST WHAT IS REQUIRED BEFORE END OF DECEMBER (SEE V(C) OF 1970 LORAN TRANSFER AGREEMENT - TIAS 7031). USCG IS PREPARED TO ENTERTAIN GOP REQUESTS FOR SPARE PARTS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND SYSTEM ACCURACY CHECKS,

PREFERABLY ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS (SEE REF B). UNDERSTAND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN FORM OF USCG PERSONNEL NO LONGER REQUIRED. DO NOT SEE ANY BASIS FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL VESSELS SINCE PHIL CG HAS SO FAR BEEN ABLE MAINTAIN TRANSPORT WITH VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT SO FAR PROVIDED.

3. WISH TO NOTE THAT WHILE ICAO INQUIRY RELAYED STATE 218113 REFERRED ONLY TO TWO STATIONS IN PHILIPPINES, USG RETAINS INTEREST IN CONTINUED OPERATION OF ALL FIVE. WE ASSUME THAT GOP OBLIGATION IS ON THIS BASIS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONFIRMATION OF PHIL REQUIREMENTS AS OUTLINED PARA 2 AND OF OUR UNDERSTANDING STATED PARA 3.

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